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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE--GOJ RESPONSE TO DESIGNATION OF
WAAD PROJECT

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(SBU) On January 14, Embassy Tokyo delivered reftel points on U.S. designation of the Waad Project to MOFA International Counterterrorism Cooperation Division Deputy Director Miyako Ishimura. Embassy Tokyo noted that the designation of the Waad Project as a terrorist support organization under Executive Order 13224 prohibits U.S. persons from engaging in any transactions with the Lebanon-based, Hizballah-run construction company. Noting the designation is limited to U.S. persons, we stressed the importance of other countries, including Japan, taking similar steps to freeze Waad's assets. Ishimura stated that Japan, while not sanctioning Hizballah, shares U.S. concerns and appreciated our efforts to tell her government of the designation. She added that Japan would review the information provided and inform us of any actions taken against the company.
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